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Welcome to the Rotary Club of New Port Richey

January 20, 2021

Today we welcome our very own Allen Sigmon with the John Hudson Rotary Santa Program wrap-up.

by the end of April or early May.

Gail thanked Charles for an interesting and informative program. A donation will be made in his name to our local Pack-a-Sack program.

they can join us by Zoom. Finding speakers can be a hard job for just one person, so let us help Lisa by introducing someone who may have an interesting story to tell. You may call her at 813-785-3771 or email her at: lisarotary6950@gmail.com.

Last Week

Our Our speaker last week, introduced by Frank Starkey, was Charles Rudd, Economic Development Director, City of New Port Richey. Charles has been a redevelopment professional for 23 years, serving both Main Street Organizations and Community Redevelopment Agencies. He has served as the Economic Development Director the city of New Port Richey since July of 2019. The city has done lots of new re-branding There are new signs all along the streets entering into the city. They are in Phase II which covers the downtown and Highway 19 corridor. At Bank and Main they will be adding trees. In Railroad Square they will be adding shade trees and sails across the road. The telephone and electrical poles will be buried in the ground instead of overhead. In the Palm District Keiser University will have a parking garage in the back. They hope to eventually add build-outs with more stores. On Grand they are planning a cycle track in the center of the street. At Marine Parkway they are looking at an overpass for bike crossing. They still need more photo visualizations and a draft presentation with a final report

Just In Case You Didn't Know It... In Person Meetings ARE Taking Place

In case you didn't realize it, we are actually meeting at the Spartan once again. You may attend the meetings on Wednesdays at 12:15 or join them on Zoom. Please let Patti Templeton know if you will be attending either way. She will either make sure there is enough food for those attending or send you an e-mail with how to attend the Zoom meeting. Patti may be reached at: 727-858-6117 or gator34747@aol.com.

Looking for Speakers

Lisa Shippy-Gonzalez is our Program Chair and she is looking for interesting speakers. They can speak about a cool hobby that they have, or give us information that will be helpful in our lives for a couple of examples. They can either be present at the Spartan or

Paul Harris Fellow

Charlie Rogers announced recently that monies donated to the Annual Fund (PHF) are now being matched by the District. The match is for all monies given between \$200 and \$500. If you only have \$200 in your account, \$400 from you and a \$400 match from the District will make you a Paul Harris Fellow or upgrade to a multiple PHF. Recently Chris Ghisson received his PHF. Congratulations Chris!



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DISTRICT 6950 LOCAL ROTARY CLUB MEETING TIMES AND PLACES

| MONDAY | | |
|---|--|--|
| Dade City 12:00 | | |
| Kafe Kokopelli | | |
| TUESDAY | | |
| East Pasco Sunset6:30 pm | | |
| Al's Pizza | | |
| Holiday 12:00 | | |
| The Widow Fletcher's | | |
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| WEDNESDAY | | |
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Quail Hollow Golf & Country Club

West Pasco Sunset 6:00pm

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month

Whiskey River On The Water

Wesley Chapel.....

| THURSDAY | | |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
| Seven Springs7:30am | | |
| Seven Springs Country Club | | |
| Hudson 12:00 | | |
| CARES Rao Musunuru, M.D. | | |
| Enrichment Center | | |
| Zephyrhills12:15 | | |
| Zephyrhills Rotary Youth Bldg., | | |
| Shepard Park | | |
| Tarpon Springs 12:15 | | |
| Cypress Run Country Club | | |
| Spring Hill Central 12:15 | | |
| Beef O'Brady's | | |
| FRIDAY | | |

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|-----------------|-------|
| Port Richey | 12:00 |
| The Columbian | |
| Trinity | 12:15 |
| Trinity College | |

For traveling Rotarians, a complete listing of Rotary club meeting days and times may be found by going to: my.rotary.org/en/search/club-finder

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SPECIAL ROTARY MONTHLY DESIGNATIONS

Iuly - Start of new year with new

August - Membership and New Club Development

September - Basic Education and Literacv

October - Economic and Community Development **November -** Rotary Foundation **December - Disease Prevention** and Treatment

January - Vocational Service **February** - Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution March - Water and Sanitation

April - Maternal and Child Health

May - Youth Services

June - Rotary Fellowships Month

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Rotary International Theme 2020-2021



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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The Four-Way Test

Of the things we think, say or do...

- Is it the Truth?
- Is it Fair to all concerned?
- Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships?
- Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?



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- 1. How many years has the Rotary Magazine been in existance?
- 2. What was the real name of gangster **Dutch Schultz?**
- 3. What is represented by the following?



KNOWTARY ANSWERS!!!

Last Week's KNOW-tary:

- 1. The Rotary magazine changed it's name from 'The Rotarian' to 'Rotary' in September 2020.
- What is the minimum number of moves needed to achieve checkmate in chess? Two.
- What is represented by the following? On The Double



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Send your answers to these three questions to Bonnie Howard at: triciammpnpr@tampabay.rr.com by MONDAY at 3:00pm.

The answers will be published in next week's bulletin. A drawing will be held the first Wednesday of the month from all members who submitted correct answers for the previous month. (If a member has four correct answers for the month, their name will be in the drawing four times).

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Calmness An Inspirational Story

One day Buddha was walking from one town to another with a few of his followers. One of them was very upset over a disagreement with his family. While they were traveling, they passed a lake. They stopped and Buddha told the upset disciple, "I am thirsty. Get me some water from that lake."

The disciple walked up to the lake. When he reached it, he noticed that some people were washing clothes in the water and, right at that moment, a bullock cart started crossing through the lake. As a result, the water became very muddy, very turbid. The disciple thought, "How can I give this muddy water to Buddha to drink?" So he came back and told Buddha, "The water is very muddy. I don't think it is fit to drink."

After about half an hour, again Buddha asked the same disciple to go back to the lake and get him some water to drink. The disciple obediently went back to the lake. This time he found that the lake had clear water in it. The mud had settled down and the water above it looked fit to collect. So he collected some water in a pot and brought it to Buddha.

Buddha looked at the water, and then he looked up at the disciple and said, "See what you did to make the water clean? You let it be...and the mud settled down on its own and you got clear water...Your mind is also like that. When it is disturbed, just let it be. Give it a little time. It will settle down on its own. You don't have to put in an effort to calm it down. It will happen. It is effortless."

Don't Put The Check In The Mail An Inspirational Story

from Good News Network

If a cancer diagnosis is a patient's worst nightmare, not being able to afford life-saving treatment runs it a close second. So when one oncologist recently forgave all his patients' outstanding debts, you might say he took bedside manner to a whole new level.

Dr. Omar Atiq founded the Arkansas Cancer Clinic in 1991. Over the years, countless patients received everything from diagnostics to radiation and chemotherapy at the Pine Bluff facility.

In February of 2020, the clinic closed due to staffing shortages. At the time, there was close to \$650,000 outstanding patient debt on the books.

Dr. Atik attributed the large sum to the fact that no patient was ever denied treatment, regardless of whether or not they could pay. "Not for lack of health insurance or funds nor for any other reason," he told

the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. "I've always considered it a high honor and privilege to be someone's physician—more important than anything else."

Originally from Pakistan, after completing his fellowship at New York City's Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Dr. Atiq accepted a job offer in Arkansas. He says that fateful relocation proved to be a "lifechanging" decision.

In 2013, Dr. Atik was named president of the Arkansas Medical Society. Five years later, he became chairman-elect of the board of governors of the American College of Physicians. He credits much of his success to being in the right place at the right time. "I believe the opportunities that have come my way are, in part, because of where I am," he explained.

After the clinic closed last year, Dr. Atik attempted to settle the debts. He soon realized that many of the folks he'd treated didn't have the means to pay—especially with so much added financial hardship brought on by the coronavirus pandemic—so with the blessing of his wife, Mehreen, he simply elected to stop asking.

"...My wife and I, as a family, we thought about it and looked at forgiving all the debt... We saw that we could do it and then just went ahead and did it," Dr. Atik told Good Morning America.

Christmas week, Dr. Atik sent out holiday cards to nearly 200 of his former patients that read:

"The Arkansas Cancer Clinic was proud to have you as a patient. Although various health insurances pay most of the bills for the majority of patients, even the deductibles and co-pays can be burdensome. The clinic has decided to forego all balances owed to the clinic by its patients."

Even though he's no longer treating his patients, Dr. Atik found one final way to practice some kindness and compassion on their behalf. "I just hope that it gave them a little sigh of relief and made it easier for them so they could face other challenges they may be facing in their lives."

Sounds like the perfect prescription for a happy new year to us.

"I think the more unexpected something is, the more there is to learn from it."

-Michael J. Fox, actor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Gary Amundson, January 21 Steve Hersh, January 21 Toni Herig, January 24 Cami Austin, January 25

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GUESTS - 1

Paula, beautiful wife and guest of Gary Gann

KNOW-TARY

Know-tary had five correct answers submitted by Charlie Rogers, Mary Rogers, Brenda Glass. Evie Parks and Kurt Conover.

The Know-tary winner for December, sponsored by Carol McCormick with George's Wholesale Tire Pros was Charlie Rogers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DUE TO COVID-19, EVENTS BELOW ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE/CANCELLATION

SAVE THE NEW DATE - May 29, 2021Rotaract Beer & Wine Festival

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 27, 2021

Frank Starkey presenting "Plat and Promise - A Fresh Look at New Port Richey's City Plan"

February 3, 2021

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